of India, which has the responsibility to rule the entire country, to play the role of a friend, guide and philosopher to all the States, whether they are ruled by the Congress Party or the opposition parties. The record of the Congress Party is not something that one can emulate. They have been indulging in destabilising non-Congress Governments, not only in Karnataka but also elsewhere. My fear is the Congress has learnt a great lesson from the British rulers. The British rulers ruled this country by dividing the country, and the same tactics the Congress Party is adopting, the politics of divide and rule. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Your party is divided now. You are dividing yourself. What can we do? You are responsible for it. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Our party might have been divided. That is the concern of our party. But you are dividing the whole nation. That is horrible.

In respect of Assam, may I tell my friend, Mr. Buta Singh, not to use the RAW, not to use its power and not to conspire against the State Government? They should, on the other hand, let the State Government face the situation which is emerging, which is serious. The whole country is concerned about what is going on in Assam. Assam should remain united, and the Government of India should give its helping hand in that regard. I am afraid this violence will not stop. It should stop. But because it is a political violence born out of agitation, political agitation, I feel that this violence will continue unless the issue is settled politically.

In this regard, I would like the Government of India to play a very constructive role, not a role which will destabilise the situation. It will recoil on you ultimately. Don't look to short-term political dividends. It will boomerang on you and the country. Therefore, I want the Home Ministry and the Government of India to exercise restraint and play a very useful, constructive, beneficial role so that there may be restoration of normalcy in Assam. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Before I ask anybody else to speak or the Home Mnister to react, there are papers to be laid by Shri Shiv Shanker.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Audit Report on the Accounts (1987-88) of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (Western Region), Bombay and related papers

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Audit Report on the Accounts of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (Western Region) Bombay, for the year 1987-88.

(ii) Statement giving reasons for delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) above.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-8269/89 for (i) and (ii)]

REPORTED KILLING OF BODOS IN GOHPUR VILLAGE IN SONITPUR DISTRICT OF ASSAM—Contd.

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA (Nagaland): Madam, this is on Bodo.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Bodo.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): It is his maiden speech.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): It is not his maiden speech. He was a Member of Rajya Sabha before.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: But now, in this session, it is his maiden speech.

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Madam, with a heavy heart I stand up to say a few words on this unfortunate incident that has taken place in Assam.

As the saying goes, the man who wears the shoe, knows where the shoe pinches. I am a neighbour, immediate neighbour of our Assam. We were a part of Assam. The neighbouring States like Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, all these were parts of Assam.

I am really very sorry to observe that when the lady Member from Assam stood up to speak, she had no sympathy for the people who were killed. It is immaterial whether the number is one hundred or just ten, but what is material is that the people have been killed. They have been rendered homeless. They have been driven out from their houses and from their land. This lady Member has not expressed even sympathy for these people but has only tried to protect and defend the Assam Government. It is most unfortunate. This is the attitude that I would like to condemn. This is the attitude of our Asam Government which has led the tribals away from the Assam Government.

DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: I express my concern when I see... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: I am talking about the lady Member. This is not the first instance that this type of killing has taken place whether it is in Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh or whether it is on the border disputes. I am very sorry to say that Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur people have to cross Assam to come to other parts of the country. The people living in this valley have been most unkind to the tribals. Even today their attitude towards them is very unfortunate and it cannot be appreciated. Even today they continue to harass the tribals who travel through Assam.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Madam, the hon. Member is telling blatant untruths. He has not crossed Assam to reach Delhi.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is his maiden speech. Don't disturb him.

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: The Bodo agitation is a political agitation, as has been stated by one of the hon. Members on the Opposition benches. It is true because they have not been treated well for so many years. India had attained independence 40 years ago, but the Assam Government never treated the tribals well. This is the issue and this is why the agitation is there. They have been suppressed and ill-treated. They have not been given their political rights. They have not been economically developed. They have not been given proper attention. Even if you go to your own Assam State in the tribal areas, how many people are educated there? Fortunately, we are a more adventurous people as Naga people. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Madam, I am on a point of order. Even if the hon. Member's speech is a maiden one, if he speaks all false, I have a right to... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Unfortunately, the AGP students movement

had started because they were neglected by the Congress Government earlier. They started their agitation and they won the elections. They are now running the Government. But what are they doing for the people? What are they doing for the tribals? They are worse than the Congress Government. The agitation that has been taking place is because they have been neglected. But I am going to warn this House and inform the Government of India, especially the Home Minister, that the Assam Government is trying to hatch a plot to ...disturb once again and create violence along Nagaland-Assam border. This must be taken note of; other-wise, such incidents may happen again. As far as Nagaland is concerned, they don't take it lying down. They will fight. They know how to fight for their political rights. They also know how to fight physically. These peaceful Bodos, these simple people have been treated very badly and we condemn these killings and they have no right to defend this Assam Government and the Assam Government has no right to make any enquiry into these killings. This must be done by the Central Government. As far as facts and figures are concerned, the Central Government must take them seriously. Madam, through this House I want to appeal to our colleagues here that their attitude towards the tribal people must change. Thank you.

DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Madam, the hon. Member in his maiden speech has made very baseless statement against the Assam Government. He has said that the Assam Government has treated the tribals in a very bad way. It is a baseless statement. I think, the House should not be misled in this way.

डा० अबरार अहमद खान : उपसभापति महोदया; मेरा निवेदन है कि जिनकी हत्या हुई है उनके लिए सदन दो मिनट मौन रखकर बिताए । महोदया, हमने इतना समय चर्चा में बिताया, दो मिनिट उनकी आत्मा को शांति के लिए मौन धारण किया जाए । महोदया, जो माननीय सदस्य यहां बैठे है, उनका यह इच्छा है । यहां सभी का इच्छा है कि जो आदमी मरे हैं उनका आत्मा की शांति के लिए दो मिनट का समय दिया जाए ।

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU (Bihar): Madam, he has made a very correct statement. ... (*Interruptions*)

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA (Andhra Pradesh): There should be no doubt that what has happened in Gohpur is something which has to be decried. Having stated this, I would like to make one or two comments and request one or two clarifications when the Home Minister makes his statement. It is a very dangerous philosophy which was enunciated by the hon. Member from Nagaland. He said that if Bodos are agitating it is because Assam people have been repressive towards the tribals. If you follow this logic, we have also to say that if there is agitation for Jharkhand. it is Biharis who are responsible for it. We have also to follow by logic, if there had been GNLF movement it is because of Bengalis.

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Don't be theoretical, Professor. Be practical. He has stated facts of the case. ... (*Interruptions*) ...

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Sit down. I listened to all of you carefully. If you have got logic, if you have got arguments argue with me. If you do not have logic, then, keep quiet. I was saying logically speaking this is a dangerous statement.

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: It is a matte rof fact. It is not a matter of argument.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: He has no right to say "keep quiet".

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Madam, Professor is very angry. Please cool him down.

SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Madam, I am on a point of order. Prof. Lakshmanna thought that it was a class room. Only you can ask somebody to keep quiet. Nobody else can ask us to keep quiet.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Madam, I was saying if we reason out, if we apply logic it is a dangerous statement which has been made by the hon. Member from Nagaland. Therefore, let us not go into that issue. I would like to ask the Home Minister—he is going to make a statement—has he consulted the Chief Minister and the Government of Assam and incorporated that part in his statement as to what has happened in Assam? It is the concern of the State Government. It has always been the contention of the Home Minister that "I can make a statement if I get the facts from the State Government". I would like to ask the Home Minister, whether he has consulted the Chief Minister and the Government of Assam and whether that has been incorporated as part of this statement? If it is there, I have no objection. If it is not there it will amount to a partisan attitude on the part of the Home Minister to make a statement without consulting...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not know whether the Home Minister is making a statement.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Anyhow...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are assuimng something.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I am assuming. (*Interruptions*) I am only telling him the legal, constitutional position before hand because I want to enlighten this Government and the people about the constitutional position. The Home Minister can make a statement only after having consulted the State Government and then he can come back to report. This is my first point... (*interruptions*)... The report of the State Government is very essential for the Home Minister to make a statement. This is my stand and I stand by this. The next point is when we are discussing an issue of this nature, we have to take a few things into consideration. An hon. Member said, just as other hon. Members from the other side said that the State Government was denied the weapons they wanted and the support they wanted as a result of which the position is becoming difficult. I can very well understand this position because we in our own State, when we wanted certain support from the Union Government, weapons etc. they had denied that. Therefore, I would like to ask the Home Minister if he has to make a statement at all, whether he has... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are presuming that he is giving a statement. ... (*Interruptions*)...

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: My virtue has been to make a point which is almost nailing you. Anyhow, I want the Home Minister to make it clear in his statement whether the Government of India has been able to give the logistic support which was sought by the State Government of Assam. If so what has been the nature of that logistic support, what has been the extent of that logistic support? If these points are clarified, then I think, we will be in a position to deal with tht situation as has developed in Gohpur. It is not something which has to be ignored. It is something which has to be condemned. We have to see that normalcy is restored there. Therefore, instead of politicising it, we have to look at the problem as a human problem, as has been pointed out by the hon. Member. If it is a human problem, then the State Government and the Central Government have to work together hand in hand and see the problems that face us, if at all there are problems in respect of Bodos, the same are redressed and in that process, there has to be a con-

certed effort of all the parties concerned. Without that, if you politicise, if you take advantage of this and if you want to create conditions by which you would like to destabilise an elected Government there, that will not be in the interest of the Congress itself and that will go against it because I would not remind them what had happened in 1984 August, around this date, and hey had to lick the dust. I do not want them to lick the dust once again. Thank you.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Madam Deputy Chairman, the magnitude of the tragedy and the nature... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, are they afraid of asking for permission *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not want to carry on. This is the last speaker.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Madam, this leaves no scope for doubt about the planning and the dastardly execution of the carnage in Assam. Instead of expressing concern, some of the hon. Members on the other side have revelled in mudslinging against the Centre. Our hon. friend, Mr. Dipen Ghosh said that the Centre perhaps is the habit of fishing in troubled waters. Madam, I said once earlier also but he was not present in the House then. Today, he is there and I would like to say with all humility that his intellectual power is great. He has his own way of presenting his argument. But his opinion of himself is greater and that often tends to overtake the former. When he levelled this allegation against the Centre, he forgot that it was the good offices of the Centre only which came to the rescue of the State Government of West Bengal in solving the Darjeeling hill problem. It
12.00 NOON was the Central Government which, in fact intervened to save the West Bengal Government from being exposed because of its incompetence. A senior leader, Shri Gurupadaswamy, said that it was the Congress which was dividing the country. I would only like to know from him: Does the Assam Accord aim at dividing the country or strengthening the bonds of unity and integrity? Madam, the Central Government made all efforts which were thwarted by the AGP Government. The AGP Government has failed to cater to the interests of the minorities, the weaker sections of the society and the tribals there. Instead of helping them, its attitude has been callous, indifferent and rather aggressive. Unfortunately, again, Prof. Lakshmanna sought to deduce some geometric theorem from the violence that has erupted in the State. Shri Kamalendu Bhattacharjee rightly pointed out to him that it is not a class-room. In any case, Madam, as a Professor, I do expect from him that he would not apply the principles of his subject in looking at the problems which face the country. What has happened in Assam is because of the abetment of some people, some powerful people, within the AGP Government. Maybe within the Government or within the party, I am in no position to pinpoint a person. But from the way in which the carnage has been planned and executed, we cannot but doubt the *bona fides* of the Government of Assam. I wish the Government of Assam came forth to act in the interests of the minorities and in the interests of the tribals there. But I would agree with Mr. Dipen Ghosh when he says that it is the responsibility of the Centre also to ensure that peace prevails in the country, that things do not go out of control and that it is the Constitutional responsibility of the Central Government. I would also like to take this opportunity to impress upon the Home Minister, who is present in the House, to make a statement on the subject and to apprise the House of what steps the Central Government proposes to take to ensure that the

[Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal]

tribals are not made to suffer, that the tribals do not suffer and face extinction at the hands of the self-assuming people who happen to rule Assam today. Thank you, Madam.

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदया, मुझे भी दो मिनट का समय दिया जाय, बोलने के लिए बोडो के सवाल पर . . . (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : एक घंटा हो गया अब होम मिनिस्टर साहब खड़े हो गए हैं। उनको बोलने दीजिए ।

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : दो मिनट में मुझे अपनी बात कहने दीजिए ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Home Minister, I would request you to please yield to Mr. Ram Awadhesh Singh.

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : महोदया, इतने गंभीर सवाल पर ये लोग मजाक कर रहे हैं । महोदया, बोडो समस्या है जो सवाल जुड़ा हुआ है उस सवाल पर चर्चा न करके और सवाल पर चर्चा क्यों हो रही है । यह राजनीतिक बात है । किन कारणों से वहां झमेला खड़ा हुआ है, उस पर हमको चर्चा करनी है । लेकिन उस चर्चा को छोड़कर हम फूड, सप्लाई की ओर बातें कर रहे हैं । जो बोडो का सवाल है वह क्या है ? क्या है उसकी जड़ता में जाने से इंकार कर रहे हैं ? क्यों कतरा रहे हैं ? यह सीरियस मैटर है । यहां इतने इंडियन्स मारे गये हैं । फिर वहां हत्या हुई है और भी मारकाट आगे और होगी । यह तो हो चुका है और आगे क्या होगा । मैं आपके माध्यम से गृह मंत्री जी से कहना चाहता हूं कि क्या गृह मंत्री सरकार को हैसियत से काम करेंगे या एक राजनीतिक दल के मेम्बर होने की हैसियत से काम करेंगे क्योंकि उनका दायित्व सबसे ज्यादा है कि वह सरकार की हैसियत से बयान करें । लेकिन यह केवल कांग्रेस पार्टी के नेता की हैसियत से तो मामला सुलझता जाएगा । इनको पहले वहां जाना चाहिए था । दो साल में बोडो स्टुडेन्ट्स आन्दोलन चल रहा है और असम गवर्नमेंट वहां ज्यादती कर रही थी । मैं असम गवर्नमेंट के बारे में यह कहना चाहता हूं कि मैं वहां गया हूं और बोडो लोगों के बीच में उनकी समस्याओं को मैंने अध्ययन किया है । इसी के बाद मैं बोल रहा हूं । मैं कहना चाहता हूं कि असम गवर्नमेंट तो जिम्मेदार है ही साथ में केन्द्रीय सरकार भी जिम्मेदार है । (**व्यवधान**) आप अपनी जिम्मेदारी से बच नहीं सकते क्योंकि यह शुरू में हर समस्या को हल्का समझ कर अपने राजनीतिक दल के हित में उलझाते जाते हैं । जैसे आतंकवादियों को दबाने के लिए यह भिंडरवाले को लाए । लाल डेंगा को आगे बढ़ाया। सुभाष घीसिंग को इन्होंने उठाया । जब वह सीमा पार कर गया तब उसकी कटौती किया । आज फिर वही बात हो रही है । आज बोडो लोगों के साथ भी यही हो रहा है । जो उनकी राजनीतिक मांगे हैं उन पर चर्चा नहीं कराते हैं । उनकी राजनीतिक मांग पर बहस न कराकर उनका समाधान नहीं करते । हमारे झारखंड में की यही प्रोब्लम है। सारे देश में आदिवासी इसी समस्या से जूझ रहे हैं। आज उनको राजसत्ता में सम्मान पूर्ण हिस्सेदारी नहीं मिलती है। आज तक केन्द्र सरकार में कोई भी आदिवासी कैबिनेट मिनिस्टर नहीं बना । [illegible] है । इतनी जनसंख्या वाले आदिवासियों की कैबिनेट में केन्द्रीय सरकार में कम से कम एक जगह अवश्य मिलनी चाहिए । मध्य प्रदेश में उनकी 30 परसेंट आबादी है लेकिन वहां भी आज तक कोई कैबिनेट मिनिस्टर नहीं बना । (**व्यवधान**) सारे देश में आदिवासियों में बेचैनी है कि उनको राज्य आदि में हिस्सेदारी नहीं मिल रही है । इसी बात का उनको गुस्सा है । वह गुस्से से तरह-तरह से उभर रहा है । मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि माननीय गृह मंत्री जी इस संबंध में भी बतायें । (**व्यवधान**)

श्री विठ्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव : माननीय सदस्य को मालूम नहीं कि महाराष्ट्र में आदिवासी मुख्य मंत्री रहा है । (**व्यवधान**)

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन (उत्तर प्रदेश) मैं एक बात पूछना चाहती हूं कि राम अवधेश सिंह जी ने यह कहा कि बोडो आन्दोलन में कितने लोग अब मारे गए? और आगे इतना ज्यादा मारे जायेंगे तो यह स्पष्टीकरण दें कि यह किस आधार पर कह रहे हैं कि आगे इतना भी ज्यादा मारे जायेंगे। (**व्यवधान**)

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह: उनको हिस्ट्री दारी नहीं मिल रही है इसलिये वे और ज्यादा उग्र होंगे। (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam Deputy Chairman, the House is naturally concerned about this gruesome tragedy that has taken place in Assam. Shrimati Anwara Taimur has brought this matter to the notice of this House and from both sides of the House honourable Members have expressed their deep concern and sympathy with those who have lost their lives and their families who are bereaved. It is very unfortunate that this particular village has seen this tragedy twice in the past five years.

Madam, as soon as we came to know of this incident, immediately we tried to get information and, as Vajpayeeji has very rightly observed, I cannot come to this House except on the information supplied to me by the State Government. It is very unfortunate that until 11 o'clock when I entered this House, in spite of my repeated request from the Government, the Ministry of Home Affairs, we have not received a single line of information from the State Government... (*Interrptuions*)... But I am not accusing... (*Interruptions*) ...I am not accusing anybody. But we received information from the Governor, Arunachal Pradesh and the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, who were at the receiving end ... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : वहां पर आपकी सेन्ट्रल एजेंसी तो होगी.. (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, as soon as we received the information, we immediately despatched a team of Central Government officials to make an on the spot study... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Very good.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: ...so that we can come to this august House and give the information to the House. But I am yet to receive the report from the team that I have sent and I believe that the report will be made available to me and I also expect that the State Government of Assam will give us the information as per their own findings and records. In the meantime,... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Madam, the Chief Minister has gone to make an on-the-spot study and he has not yet come back. Unless he comes back, how can he give any information?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHII BUTA SINGH: Are you a spcial representative of the Assam Government?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHSI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Why? Can't I speak for Assam? ... (*Interruptions*) ...Can't I speak for anybody? You have a right to speak and I have also a right to speak about any State... (*Interruptions*)... I can't speak about Assam?... (*Interruptions*) ...Madam, I want to know from you: Can't I speak about Assam?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI BUTA SINGH: He is trying to politicise the issue... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Can't a Member from Andhra Pradesh speak about Assam?... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: When the Minister is on his legs, you allow him to speak.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: I only said that the Chief Minister Minister has gone there to make an on-the-spot study and he has to come back and then only he can give a report. What is wrong in that?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, maybe the Telugu Desam Members have their own Intelligence agency to get this kind of an information; I don't have... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: I have my own informatiin about our Intelligence agencies... (*Interrutpions*)...

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, in addition to that my distinguished colleague, Shri Santosh Mohan Dev was there in Assam... (*Interruptions*) ...and I am sure he had a discussion with the Home Commissioner there. He may like to share with the honourable House soon because he discussed it with the State Government. He may like to share the information with the House. But let me tell you, I cannot place anything before this august House. Either I get the report from the official team which has gone there or from the State Government. I have the report from the Arunachal Pradesh Government which will only be a part of the information that I will be supplying to this august House. In the meantime, two specific clarifications have been sought... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA (Bihar): How many people have gone to Arunachal Pradesh?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, it will be unfair on my part to give a version without having the version from the Assam Government... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI N. K. P. SALVI: Absolutely correct.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: I do not want to do that... (*Interruptions*)... Therefore, I will place both the versions before this august House and also the findings of the Central team which has gone there.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Very fair.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: There are two clarifications which have been sought ... (*Interruptions*)... Madam, there are two clarifications which have been sought... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAM AVADHESH SINGH: Whatever information you have got you have to share it with the House ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI VIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Madam, I want to ask one thing... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You see, you had your say. Now let him finish and if there are any queries still left, I will allow.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, I will respond to two specific clarifications. One, yes, I may make a statement before this august House as soon as I get the facts and, two, about the inquiry—Shri Gurudas Das Gupta and several other Members have made a demand that an inquiry should be held—I do not wish to take this opportunity to jump on anyhing. After seeing the report of the Central team, definitely, we will take a decision and will come to this august House. An impartial, fair inquiry wll be version. I think two days ago you held nto thi incident so that we come to know about the facts relating to this case.

There is another thing I would like to clarify before taking my seat. Unfortunately like the previous occasions very fortunate—on such a big, huge tragedy some of the hon. Members from opposite side have tried to bring in politics by saying that we should not politicise this

issue. I repudiate every allegation, every insinuation, made against the Government of India, Central agencies and Congress Party by the hon. Members from the opposite side. They are baseless without any logic. They are politically motivated and they are here to tarnish the image of the Central Government. I repudiate all the charges with all the force at my command. I will definitely apprise this House of all the facts that are available and I will come to this august House with a statement either today or as soon as I get the information. And the House can discuss it. This House is sovereign. It can dicuss and take a decision. But before that I would ask all the hon. Members not to jump at conclusions, not try to draw their own inferences, political inferences, not to go to the Press because this is too serious a matter affecting the lives of the people in the most diffcult terrain of our country, especially the tribals, the most backward and weaker sections of our society. It is not a matter to be laughed at. It is a serious matter. And the House must express its serious concern over this issue. Whether the State Government is responsible or not it is for this House to judge. Therefore, I will appeal to all sections and also I will appeal to the Assam Government. It is wrong to say that we have not helped the Asam Government logistically. Let the Chief Minister of Assam come and say that we have not helped. We have given maximum help. If I can say, next to Punjab if there is the maximum number of our force it is only in Assam. And in spite of that if the Assam Government says that they have no force, I do not know what force they want. It requires political will to tackle the problems. And I am afraid that if they allow the drift to go on it will be too late because the situation in Assam is very serious. We are here to help the Assam Government. We have made it abundantly clear that we are against any division of Assam. We are against the use of violence in Assam. Unfortutely, time and again the hon. Members on the other side, some of them, go on beating the old theme that the Centre is out to destabilise. I will prove when I speak on this issue how the Central Government has helped the Assam Government and how the Assam Government has expressed its gratitude. Only the other day, Madam, in Delhi the hon. Chief Minister of Assam has agreed to make a joint effort to find a solution to this most difficult problem. If the Chief Minister of Assam has some cofidence in me and the Central Government. that is why he has come forward to make a joint effort to see that this problem is resolved in a peaceful and negotiated manner. How does it lie in the mouth of some Opposition leaders to brandish the charge that we are not helping the Assam Government? We are helping the Assam Government. That is why they are able to meet the flood situation. That is why they are able to meet some law and order situation. I do not want to take the credit. But definitely credit has been given to the countr.y But for the Central Government's help the Gorkhaland issue would not have been resolved in this country. (*Interruptions*) We have done it jointly.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Forced to do it. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Do not press it any more. We have shown it. We have done it. We will do it in the future. We have annunced, whether it is a State ruled by Congress or ruled by any other party, we have only one interest, and that is our national interest. And in the national interest we will go all out to help any State Government which may face any problem.

[Shri Buta Singh]

Madam, with these few words, I request through you to all the sections of this House to help create a situation in Assam so that this violence is eschewed, so that this problem is settled in a peaceful and negotiated manner under the framework of our Constitution.

DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: I want to know from the hon. Home Minister whether the Home Minister of Assam has sent a request to the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh to help with police force to flush out the extremists from Arunachal Pradesh. I think, that information might have come to the Home Minister. I want to know whether a request was sent from the Home Minister of Assam to the Chief Minister of Arunachal.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : मंत्री जीने यह इच्छा प्रकट की कि यह मामला सुलझ जाये और शांति स्थापित हो जाये । यह तो सभी चाहते हैं । दो बिन्दुओं पर सफाई नहीं हो सकती है इसीलिए मैं उनका स्पष्टीकरण चाहता हूं । पहली बात यह कि हमारी सेंट्रल टीम वहां गयी है, वह सिर्फ इन्क्वायरी करने के लिए गयी है या अभी जो रायट की सिचुएशन है उसमें उनकी मदद के लिए तुरंत क्या किया जा सकता है इसके बारे में कोई कदम उठायेगी या नहीं । इन्क्वायरी करके आप उनको दोष दीजिए, वे आपको दोष देंगे । यही काम कीजिएगा या ... **(व्यवधान)** तुरंत मदद होगी । मैं इसलिए पूछ रहा हूं कि गृह मंत्री जी ने तो विरोध पक्ष को कहा कि आपको संयम रखना चाहिए । लेकिन अपने पक्ष के बारे में नहीं कहा । वहां की जब रिपोर्ट नहीं है तो उनके पक्ष के लोग जो कह रहे थे कि सारी खुराफात वहां की सरकार की है, यह जस्टीफाइड नहीं है । यह आपने नहीं कहा । एक तो इस बिंदू पर स्पष्टीकरण दें ... **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI BUTA SINGH: I hope they are not excluded from 'all sections' of the House.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: But time and again you have addressed the question only to the opposition. That is why I raised this. My second point is that the Deputy Commissioner, as reported in the press, sought the help of the Chief Secretary and others because he had the report earlier, a few days before this incident took place that such riots are to take place. May I know whether it is a fact, as reported in the press, that with the Assam Government, sufficient Force was not there? And if it is so, I want to know whether this matter has been brought to your knowledge or to the knowledge of your Ministry and if so, any action has been taken or not.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (West Bengal): Madam, I want to know...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We have spent more than an hour.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Just I want to know one thing. The Home Minister has said that a Central team has been sent to Assam. I want to know whether the Home Minister had a talk with the Chief Minister of Assam or the Home Minister of Assam about the sending of the Central team and also whether the Assam Government has also declared or expressed their intention to help the Central team because if the State Government does not help the Central team it will not be possible for the Central team to do their job. Therefore, I want to know whether before sending the Central team the Home Minister consulted the Government of Assam and whether the Government of Assam have expressed their concern for sending such a team there. Secondly, he mentioned that he received some information from some Governor. (*Interruptions*) Why didn't the Chief Minister of Assam send? Did the Chief Minister of Arunachal also send some information? If it is so, he should make that also clear.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA (Delhi): Madam, I want to know from the hon. Minister specifically whether it is a fact that the Intelligence agencies had informed the Assam Government because this is a crucial issue—and whether the Assam Government in advance knew that such a situation was going to take place, and whether the press reports that Atalji has referred to were already read by the Assam Government, and whether they knew that a situation of this type was going to take place or not. Madam, hon. Atal Bihariji has said that the press did not give a clear picture. I hope that he is not blaming the press for not informing the House and the people of this country that a situation of this type was to arise. If Atalji had kindly consulted Ram Awadheshji, he would have known all the facts because Ram Awadheshji had all the information, whether through the press or otherwise. I would urge upon him to at least read between the lines in the press because we have a free press in this country and in the free press all kinds of information is given. I would request the Home Minister to kindly let us know whether there is any doubt about the information in advance to the Assam Government, because that would lay the blame directly or otherwise clear them of any charge, whether they had any ulterior motive in these riots. Thank you.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Madam, I did not blame the press. All that I said was that from the press reports it is not clear what is actually happening in that part of the country. (*Interruptions*).

AN HON. MEMBER: You also said, t is not clear who is killing whom.

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE (West Bengal): We had heard from the Home Minister earlier that there was an agreement between him and the Chief Minister of Assam regarding the settlement of the Bodo problem. Now, what is the position after these incidents regarding which particulars will be provided by the Home Minister on receiving reports from the Assam Government and the Central team, because these incidents also involve the Bodos and how this issue would affect that agreement or affect at all. (*Interrupions*).

श्रीमती ओमेम मोयोंग डेवरी (अरुणाचल प्रदेश) : उपसभापति जी, मैं राज्य सभा के सभी माननीय सदस्यों को बताना चाहती हू कि हमारे अरुणाचल प्रदेश के चीफ मिनिस्टर साहब कल उस जगह गोहपुर गये जहां दंगे हुए हैं। वहां उन्होंने खुद तीन डेड बाडीज़ को देखा है। उनमें से एक बाडी का हेड भी नहीं था, बाकी आसपास के लोगों ने बताया कि—
There were more than one hundred d ad bodies. उसके बाद उन्होंने सर्वे किया और देखा कि लोगों की इतनी हालत खराब है, किसी का हाथ, किसी का पांव और किसी की गला कटा हुआ है।

यह बोडो लोग दौड़ कर, अपना देश छोड़कर हमारे अरुणाचल प्रदेश में आ गये हैं। इनकी सख्या पचास हजार है और हयुमेनिटेरियन ग्राउंड पर हमारी गवर्नमेंट उनको राशन, पानी सब दे रही है। उनकी हालत इतनी खराब है और वह बोलते हैं कि हम यहां से नहीं जायेंगे। हम लोग पचास हजार रेफयूजी कैसे रख सकेंगे ?
We are already over-burdened.

सो हम होम मिनिस्टर साहब से रिक्वेस्ट करते हैं कि गवर्नमेंट को ज्यादा रिलीफ देना चाहिए और दूसरा मैं यह जानना चाहूगी कि पचास हजार रेफयूजी के लिए गवर्नमेंट क्या करने जा रही है ? इस पर तो गवर्नमेंट को हयुमेनेटेरियन ग्राऊड पर कुछ करना चाहिए। मैं कैसे बताऊ—
We also feel for these people.
असम गवर्नमेंट ने उनको तकलीफ दी है, लेकिन अरुणाचल प्रदेश उनको देख रहा है,

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But these 55,000 people we cannot keep. We are giving all the facilities and all the medical aid on humanitarian grounds.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Madam, I also want to make one point clear. The population of Gohpur area is hardly 40,000. (*Interruptions*). So, this is a mixture of population, tribal, non-tribal, tribals belonging to the Bodo community, rava community, missing community and the plains Assamese people. But the hon. Member here gives a very false statement. In 1983 there was a massacre in the same area. Then her Government tried.. (*Interruptions*). And now her Government is giving shelter to the extremists and giving training to these extremists and they are now supplying arms to them to massacre... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI BUTA SINGH: In the interests of having a purely objective discussion which will follow my statement I would not like to enter into any kind of controversy, whether it is Assam version, whether it is Arunachal version or any other version. As I have made it very clear in my observations, I would wait for the report of the officials, who have gone only to find the facts—they are not an inquiry committee —which will just find the facts and they went with intimation to the Assam Government. And we have no gap between the Assam Government and the Government of India, Chitta Basuji. We are functioning quite cordially. There is no problem. The official team has gone there and I will wait for a report and after the report comes, this august House can discuss. Two-three issues were raised. Shri Chaturanan Mishra raised a point whether it is an enquiry committee or a fact-finding committee. The officers have gone there just to get the factual information; it is fact finding, and they will report to the Government and then I will come before this august House. Shri Bhattacharjee raised the issue with regard to our position with regard to our stand on the negotiated settlement so far as Bodo issue is concerned. We stand committed to it. Incidents cannot change our approach for finding a mutually acceptable negotiated settlement within the framework of our Constitution. Shri Vishwa Bandhuji wanted to know whether intelligence agencies had informed Assam Government. It will again amount to saying certain things about the situation before I have received facts from the team which has gone there. Therefore, I would like to wait till the facts are before me. Then I would like to share this information with the august House. Hon. Shrimati Omem Deoriji wanted that the Government of India should extend help to Arunachal Government. Whatever help is sought by the Arunachal Government, we will definitely extend it purely on humanitarian grounds so that the people do not suffer any more.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the Bodo matter is over.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TIBET

SHRI ANAND SHARMA (Himachal Pradesh): On Friday, the Minister of State for External Affairs had made a statement in this House on the international convention organised by certain individuals on Tibet, in Delhi. The organiser of the conference is Mr. George Fernandes who also happens to be the Chairman of the Compaign Committee of the Janata Dal. That day, the leader of the Janata Dal was not present, and we had asked specifically as to what the stand of the different parties was, because this convention has come at a time when there have been negotations going on between His Holiness, Dalai Lama and the Chinese Government. I feel that this is a very sensitive matter, a matter of national interest